

## BUSINESS BAROMETER.

to the Condition of Trade  
Generally.

## WHOLESALE GROCERY BUSINESS.

Busta Mainly as Heretofore,  
Few Grapes Received.  
A Week's Fallacy.

Office of The Post,

Houston, Tuesday, June 16.—The grocery trade has presented few developments of interest, and values as a rule stand on the same reported. Sugar continues to make large purchases until the market is more settled. Texas mills are quoted at \$1.40 per lb., while the price on flour, per barrel, has been dropped to \$1.30 per barrel. It was advanced Friday. It was advanced the week before, but it is held. The tone of the market is very steady, and choice stock is in good demand. The coffee is well built, flat and textured, with prices nominally unaltered, but as syrup there is molasses and syrups there is no change. The coffee beans are obtained from the large supply of the year. Choice cuttings and prices are higher. Imported peats are setting the market, everything indicating that they will be the lightest for several weeks to come. Bacon and other products bottom prices and are expected to hold.

**THE FIRST GRAPES.**  
Arrangement of grapes for the season received by J. H. Norton from Laredo and sold per four-bushel crates.

Laredo indicates that the crop of that section will be very light. Active shipment will be slow. Texas grapes are about as far north as the California which is not expected on the market until July. Growers around El Paso, Texas, have made preparations to ship early, so it is known, but dry weather has given the grapes a set-back. Farmers said in the Rio Grande, and as not irrigated, may suffer. In consequence, it will be a very fair one, despite differences.

## BEEF FAILURES.

For the past week in the United States, Canada, and in Mexico, 27 cases 233 in the preceding week corresponding to the last year. All were in the United States. In the following table, however, is given the number of failures reported from each of the United States, the past week ending at mid-month, and the corresponding week for the current year. The figures for the current year are as follows: June 11, 1896; the third, 16, 1895; the fourth, 16, 1894; the fifth, 16, 1893; the sixth, 16, 1892; the seventh, 16, 1891; the eighth, 16, 1890; the ninth, 16, 1889; the tenth, 16, 1888; the eleventh, 16, 1887; the twelfth, 16, 1886; the thirteenth, 16, 1885; the fourteenth, 16, 1884; the fifteenth, 16, 1883; the sixteenth, 16, 1882; the seventeenth, 16, 1881; the eighteenth, 16, 1880; the nineteenth, 16, 1879; the twentieth, 16, 1878; the twenty-first, 16, 1877; the twenty-second, 16, 1876; the twenty-third, 16, 1875; the twenty-fourth, 16, 1874; the twenty-fifth, 16, 1873; the twenty-sixth, 16, 1872; the twenty-seventh, 16, 1871; the twenty-eighth, 16, 1870; the twenty-ninth, 16, 1869; the thirty-first, 16, 1868; the thirty-second, 16, 1867; the thirty-third, 16, 1866; the thirty-fourth, 16, 1865; the thirty-fifth, 16, 1864; the thirty-sixth, 16, 1863; the thirty-seventh, 16, 1862; the thirty-eighth, 16, 1861; the thirty-ninth, 16, 1860; the forty-first, 16, 1859; the forty-second, 16, 1858; the forty-third, 16, 1857; the forty-fourth, 16, 1856; the forty-fifth, 16, 1855; the forty-sixth, 16, 1854; the forty-seventh, 16, 1853; the forty-eighth, 16, 1852; the forty-ninth, 16, 1851; the fifty-first, 16, 1850; the fifty-second, 16, 1849; the fifty-third, 16, 1848; the fifty-fourth, 16, 1847; the fifty-fifth, 16, 1846; the fifty-sixth, 16, 1845; the fifty-seventh, 16, 1844; the fifty-eighth, 16, 1843; the fifty-ninth, 16, 1842; the sixty-first, 16, 1841; the sixty-second, 16, 1840; the sixty-third, 16, 1839; the sixty-fourth, 16, 1838; the sixty-fifth, 16, 1837; the sixty-sixth, 16, 1836; the sixty-seventh, 16, 1835; the sixty-eighth, 16, 1834; the sixty-ninth, 16, 1833; the seventy-first, 16, 1832; the seventy-second, 16, 1831; the seventy-third, 16, 1830; the seventy-fourth, 16, 1829; the seventy-fifth, 16, 1828; the seventy-sixth, 16, 1827; the seventy-seventh, 16, 1826; the seventy-eighth, 16, 1825; the seventy-ninth, 16, 1824; 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